

House Bill 804

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Willard of the 49<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-10-95 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 barratry, so as to repeal said Code section; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

4 **SECTION 1.**

5 Code Section 16-10-95 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barratry, is  
6 amended by striking said Code section in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the  
7 following:

8 "16-10-95.

9 ~~(a) A person commits the offense of barratry when he knowingly and willfully commits~~  
10 ~~any of the following acts:~~

11 ~~(1) Excites and stirs up groundless actions in the courts or quarrels in administrative~~  
12 ~~proceedings;~~

13 ~~(2) Institutes or causes to be instituted a legal proceeding without obtaining proper~~  
14 ~~authorization; or~~

15 ~~(3) Solicits or encourages the institution of a judicial or administrative proceeding or~~  
16 ~~offers assistance therein before being consulted by a complainant in relation thereto.~~

17 ~~(b) A person convicted of the offense of barratry shall be punished by a fine of not more~~  
18 ~~than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both.~~

19 Reserved."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.